

REMARKS

Claim Objections

Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice, claims 40-48 and the objection to claim numbering is therefore moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

To advance prosecution, applicants have amended independent claims 1, 17, and 30 to require *Salmonella typhimurium* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The claims are now directed to subject matter specifically disclosed and enabled by applicants' specification. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in this or a continuing application. The § 112 rejections should therefore be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph on the ground that the phrase "inhibits said bacterium" is indefinite. Applicants' specification at page 5 (lines 6-16) clearly defines this phrase and, on the basis of this definition, one skilled in the art would readily understand the meaning of this phrase. Accordingly, the § 112, second paragraph rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

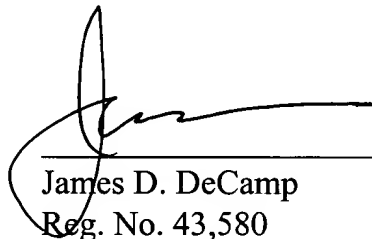
Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office action for three months, to and including September 22, 2005, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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